SPLASH!
SPLASH!
SPLASH
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD GO, RYUUGUU!
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!
NEMU
YOU ALREADY KNOW...
...THAT EXCEPT FOR US, OUR OTHER 97 COL-LEAGUES...
...ARE ALREADY ON THAT ISLAND
STATUS: 1

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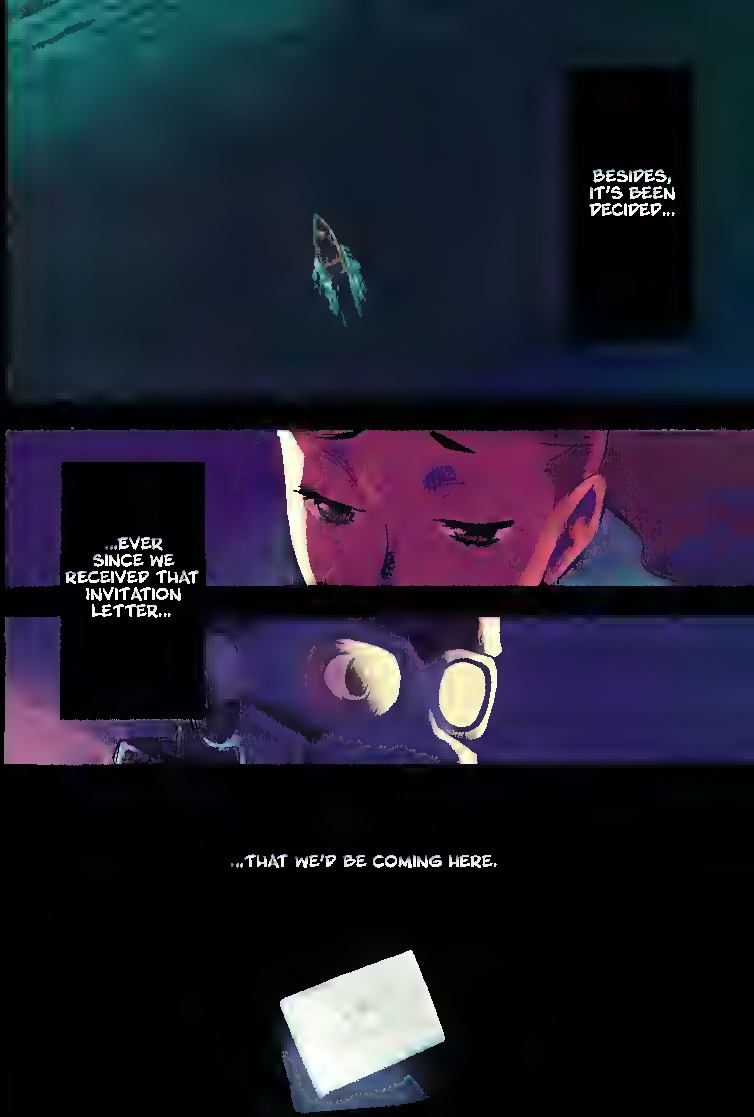
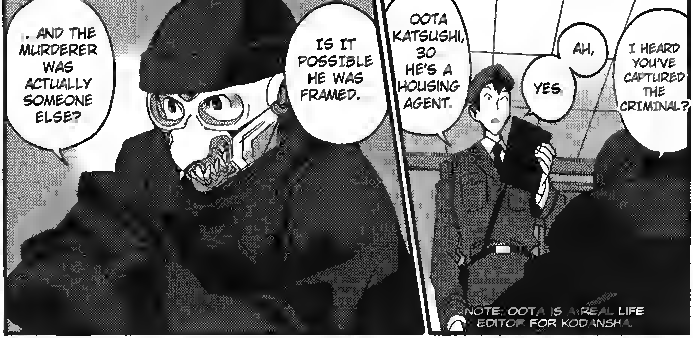

BESIDES, IT'S BEEN DECIDED...
...EVER SINCE WE RECEIVED THAT INVITATION LETTER...
...THAT WE'D BE COMING HERE.

DETECTIVE
CALENDAR
YEAR
2290
LICE HEADQUARTERS

THE ENTIRE FAMILY WAS CRUELLY MURDERED ..
HM?

HEY THERE!
HELP OUT, WILL YOU?
NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE OUTLINED IN CHALK WITH THE BODIES!
GET UP ALREADY
RYUUGUU-SAN!!
I GET IT ALREADY.
YOU'RE TOO DAMN LOUD.
DO YOU DEDUCT WHILE YOU SLEEP?
HOW COULD I?
I'M NOT FUYUKA!
BUT NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
...WHY ARE THE POLICE SUMMONING US DETECTIVES...
...FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SIMPLE FAMILY MASSACRE?
JAPANESE DETECTIVE CLUB (JDC)
FIRST DIVISION
RYUUGUU JOUNOSUKE


. AND THE MURDERER WAS ACTUALLY SOMEONE ELSE?
IS IT POSSIBLE HE WAS FRAMED.
OOTA KATSUSHI, 30 HE'S A HOUSING AGENT.
AH, YES.
I HEARD YOU'VE CAPTURED THE CRIMINAL?
NOTE: OOTA IS A REAL LIFE EDITOR FOR KODANSHA

... THERE'S PLENTY OF MOTIVE AND EVIDENCE AT THE SCENE!
THOUGH THE CASE IS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED..
NO WAY!

IT SEEMS THAT THIS HOUSE HAS BEEN THIS WAY SINCE WAY BACK.
THEY DIED IN THIS APARTMENT
HE NEVER THOUGHT THERE'D BE AN UNFAMILIAR FAMILY LIVING THERE, AND NO MATTER WHAT HE SAID THEY WOULDN'T LEAVE
AFTER THIS FORECLOSURE PROPERTY WAS OBTAINED BY THE HOME-OWNER THROUGH AN AUCTION
IN THE PAST, THERE'VE ALWAYS BEEN RUFFIANS LIVING IN THE HOUSE, REFUSING TO LEAVE.
BUT NOW THERE HAVE BEEN MORE AND MORE CASES WHERE THE PREVIOUS HOME-OWNER REQUESTS THE TROUBLED FAMILIES TO DO SUCH A THING, AND AFTERWARDS WHEN A NEW HOME-OWNER COMES AND ASKS THEM TO LEAVE, HE PAYS THEM
...AND IF THERE ARE ELDERLY OR CHILDREN, IT DRIVES REALITY EVEN FURTHER HOME.

YES,
BECAUSE THIS HOUSE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SET TO SELL ALREADY...
IN OTHER WORDS, THE HOUSING AGENT FORCED THEM TO LEAVE.
...BECAUSE AFTER WHAT HAPPENED, HE WANDERED THE STREETS IN A DAZE HOLDING THE MURDER WEAPON, A KITCHEN KNIFE.
HE WAS PROBABLY IN A HURRY...
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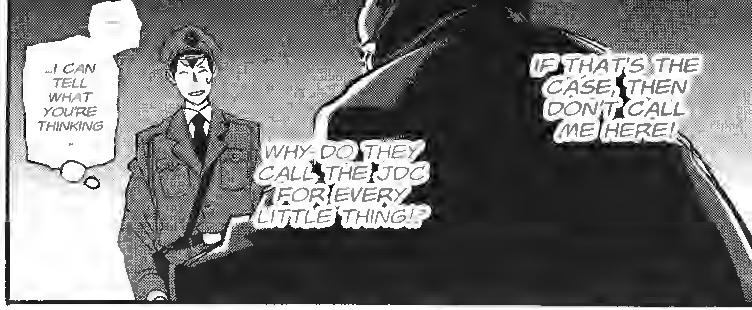
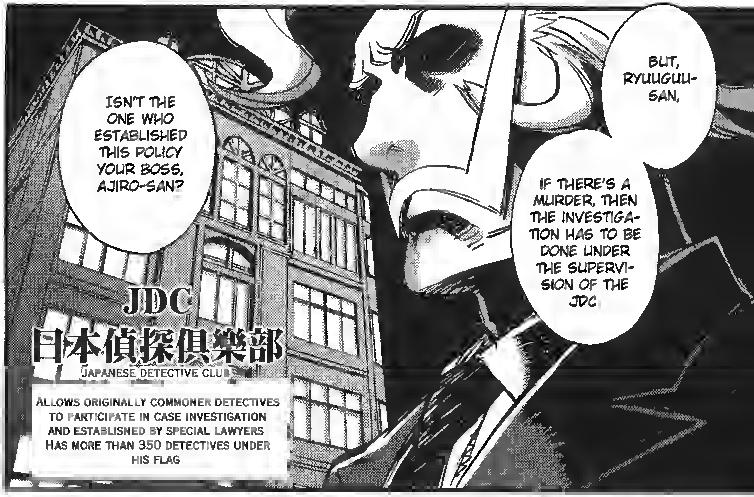
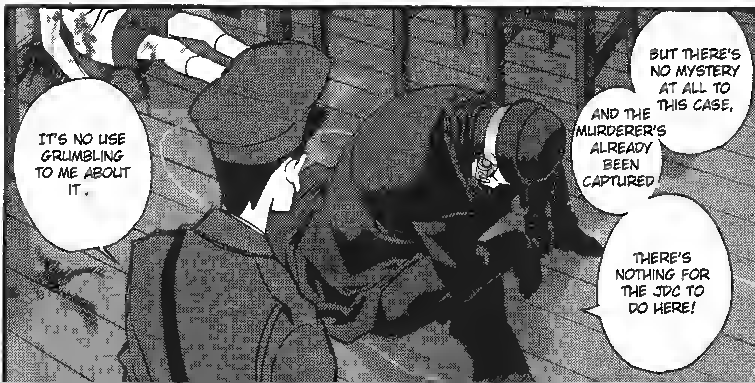
...
AND THEN?
HUH?
THE CASE WAS SOLVED?
Y-YEAH,
THAT SHOULD BE IT.


...I CAN TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING
WHY DO THEY CALL THE JDC FOR EVERY LITTLE THING!?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN DON'T CALL ME HERE!

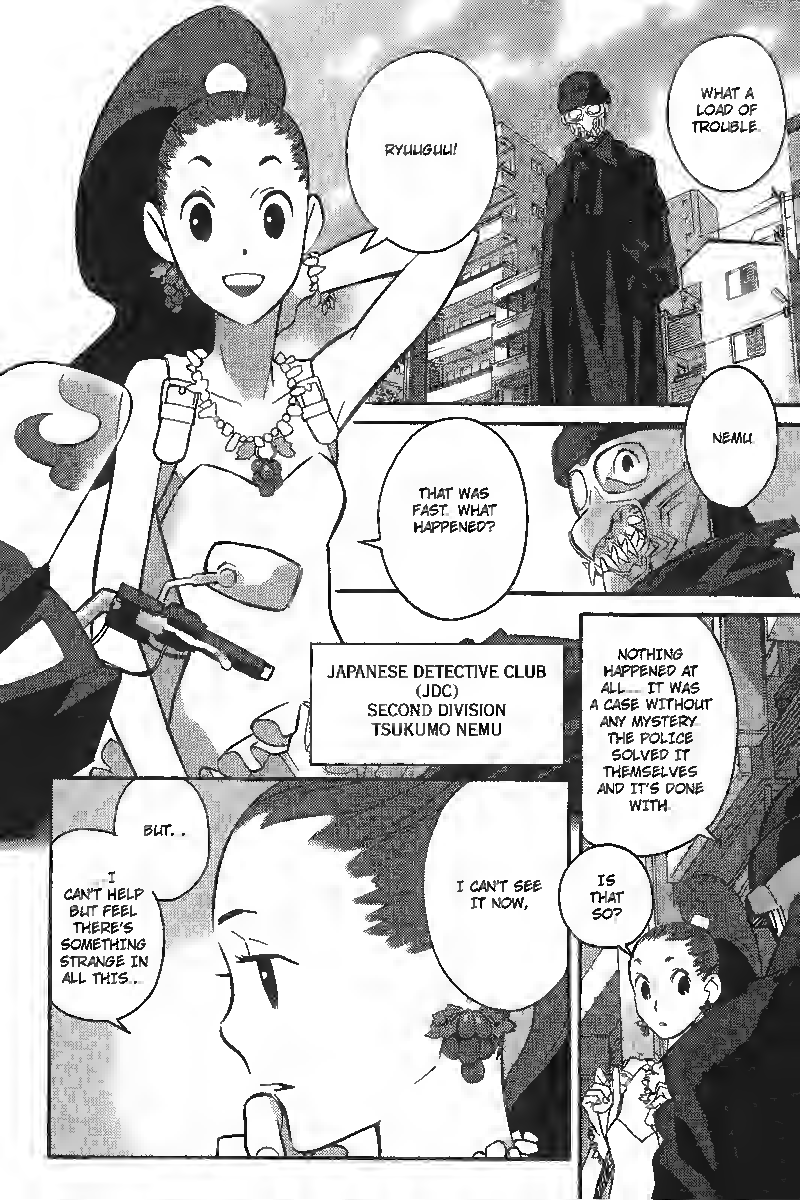

ISN'T THE ONE WHO ESTABLISHED THIS POLICY YOUR BOSS, AJIRO-SAN?
BUT, RYUUGUU-SAN,
IF THERE'S A MURDER, THEN THE INVESTIGATION HAS TO BE DONE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE JDC
JDC
日本偵探倶楽部
JAPANESE DETECTIVE CLUB
ALLOWS ORIGINALLY COMMONER DETECTIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN CASE INVESTIGATION AND ESTABLISHED BY SPECIAL LAWYERS HAS MORE THAN 350 DETECTIVES UNDER HIS FLAG


IT'S NO USE GRUMBLING TO ME ABOUT IT.
BUT THERE'S NO MYSTERY AT ALL TO THIS CASE,
AND THE MURDERER'S ALREADY BEEN CAPTURED
THERE'S NOTHING FOR THE JDC TO DO HERE!

IT SHOULD AT LEAST BE A SEALED ROOM CASE!!
OR..
...THERE SHOULD BE A SECRET CODE!
ETC
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THAT AT ALL?
SIGH
4
...IT'S NOT LIKE THESE THINGS OCCUR EVERY TIME.
THAT'S A TOUGH ONE...
SIT
UP
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE'S SOMETHING WRITTEN IN BLOOD BESIDE THE VICTIM'S BODY.[2]
THIS IS. .

KUDOSAN
...
"KUDO-SAN?"
WHAT'D YOU SAY THE MURDERER'S NAME WAS AGAIN?
OODA KATSUSHI.
...LOOKS LIKE THERE'S ANOTHER PERPETRA-TOR HERE.
MAN, IBE ...
HUH?
IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!?
BUT THE VICTIM TOLD US!
...MATCH UP TO OODA'S EX-C-
BUT THE FINGER-PRINTS ON THE WEAPON AND THE FOOT-PRINTS LEFT AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME

"IN JAPANESE "KUDOU SAN" IS VERY S MILAR TO "FUDOU SAN." WH CH MEANS "HOUSING AGENT."
YOU MUST'VE WAITED FOR A LONG TIME, MANABE
HEH
IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR ME TO COMMENCE WITH MY DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX DEDUCTION!
ANYTHING THAT I, RYUUGUU DEDUCT-
HEH HEH
HUH?
THIS IS ASH, RIGHT?
NO, IF THIS IS THE CASE.
OH!
LOOK!
IN OTHER WORDS,
SHE DIDN'T WRITE KUDOU-SAN, BUT RATHER FUDOU-SAN*.
THE MURDERER REALLY IS THE HOUSING AGENT OOTA.
I NEVER THOUGHT EVEN YOU'D BE ABLE TO DECODE DYING MESSAGES AS WELL...
...
HUH? RYUUGUU-SAN?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
RYUUGUU-SAN!


RYUUGUU!
WHAT A LOAD OF TROUBLE.
NEMU.
THAT WAS FAST. WHAT HAPPENED?
JAPANESE DETECTIVE CLUB (JDC)
SECOND DIVISION
TSUKUMO NEMU
NOTHING HAPPENED AT ALL... IT WAS A CASE WITHOUT ANY MYSTERY. THE POLICE SOLVED IT THEMSELVES AND IT'S DONE WITH.
IS THAT SO?
I CAN'T SEE IT NOW,
BUT. .
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE IN ALL THIS..

IS THAT ONE OF YOUR SPECIALTY "FUZZY" DEDUCTIONS?[3]
HOWEVER...
...RECENTLY,
THERE HAVE BEEN TOO MANY CASES THAT DON'T REQUIRE US.
MAYBE THIS WORLD...
...DOESN'T NEED US DETECTIVES ANYMORE
THAT'S RIGHT DIDN'T YOU CALL ME FOR SOMETHING?
OH, YES
WHEN I WENT TO THE JDC GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, I RECEIVED THIS LETTER ADDRESSED TO US...

SENIOR DETECTIVES
AN INVITATION LETTER..
SENIOR DETECTIVES..?
KYOTO
JDC GENERAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
WHAT ARE THE RESULTS CHAIRMAN?
YOUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL PUBLIC SECURITY.

JAPANESE DETECTIVE CLUB (JDC) CHAIRMAN AJIRO SOUJI
THEY'RE STILL STUBBORN ON CARRYING IT OUT... THE ERRONEOUS FIELD STRUCTURAL REFORM.
ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, AS LONG AS THE SPECIAL LAWYERS ARE ALWAYS TAKEN TO DISCUSS ALL THE PRIVATIZATIONS OR ABOLITION THEN THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR THE JDC
IN OTHER WORDS IF WE'RE NOT DISBANDING,
WE'RE GOING THROUGH PRIVATIZATION...
JAPANESE DETECTIVE CLUB (JDC) SECOND DIVISION VICE-CAPTAIN KIRIGIRISU TAROU
IT'S ALREADY BEEN TEN YEARS.
I'VE SPENT TEN YEARS...
BREAKING THE IMAGE THAT DETECTIVES ONLY INVESTIGATE AFFAIRS OR SEARCH FOR LOST PETS.
AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWED THEM TO FOCUS ON REAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.

EVEN IF WE ARE MARKED AS HAVING THE ABILITY TO RESIST,
WE WILL PERSEVERE TO THE END.
CHAIRMAN,
THE MEMBERS OF JDC...
...HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE INVITATION LETTER ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
THE SENIOR DETECTIVES!!
OUT OF THE 350 MEMBERS, THE 99 YOUNG MEMBERS WERE PRIORITIZED AND HAVE RECEIVED THEM.
I--
THIS TIME IT'S THEIR TURN.

NISHIMOTO 1955
KOUBE
...THEIR TURN TO BE CHOSEN.
JUST WHAT...
...IS...
POSITIVE?
IT'S ALL BEEN RAZED

UNDER THESE HEAPS OF RUBBLE, THERE ARE ALREADY NO SURVIVORS
MAYBE THERE ARE SURVIVORS STILL UNDERNEATH...
IMPOSSIBLE...
ARE YOU ALSO ONE WHO WAS CALLED HERE?
THAT'S BECAUSE ... LONG BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE DESTROYED THE BUILDING, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE WERE ALREADY ALL KILLED...

...AND THAT ROOM...
...SHOULD STILL BE COMPLETELY SEALED.
A SEALED ROOM...?
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT MEANS I GOT LUCKY IN ARRIVING LATE AND MANAGED TO STILL HAVE MY LIFE INTACT.
WHY...
...ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS...?
MY NAME IS AJIRO SOUJI
A DETECTIVE.
YOU?

WHO AM I...?
I-
I'M...
WHAT'S WRONG?
...
AMNESIA...
...SEEING AS THE DAILY LIFE IN WHICH YOU RESOLUTELY BELIEVED IN WAS DISINTEGRATED IN ONE INSTANT.
THAT'S HARDLY UNEXPECTED.

...!
CHECK YOUR POCKETS
SINCE YOU WERE CALLED HERE TOO, YOU SHOULD BE ONE OF MY COL-LEAGUES
KIRIGIRISU TAROU...
Invitation Letter
To: Kirigirisu Tarou
THIS IS...?
JUST WHAT...
WAIT,
MAYBE IT'S YOUR NAME?
HOW WOULD I KNOW?
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED!?
THE DETECTIVE RITUAL...

RUSTLE
THIS IS...
...THE SCENE OF THAT MURDER, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
LET'S GO.

W-
WAIT RIGHT THERE, YOU THREE...!
YOU CAN'T JUST BARGE IN ON A MURDER SCENE...!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE'RE DETEC-TIVES!
HUH?
D-DETEC-TIVES?
YOU'RE FROM JDC...?

IN OTHER WORDS, THE VOLUNTEER DETECTIVE CLUB... YOU COULD SAY WE'RE A NGO (NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION).
NO, WE'RE FROM THE BDC.
WE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ORGANIZATION, JDC. WE ARE HELPING SOLVE THE CASE FREE OF CHARGE.
WE'RE GRADUATION SCHOOL-MATES.
HUH?
THE MUKOUDAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DETECTIVE CLUB?

IF YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT, THAT'S NOT AN NGO. .
THEN
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT AM I DOING ?
INVESTI-GATING, OF COURSE!
I'M LISTENING TO THE SOUND OF THE DEAD.
...OF THE DEAD...?
WH..T THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT...?
THIS ISN'T SOME CHILD'S GAME!

ON TOP OF THAT,
YOU'LL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THE POLICE IF YOU CASUALLY TOUCH THE BODY LIKE THAT,
GOT IT?
HM?
喰違
GLUTTER

揺れ…
ROCK…
ｳｰ
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!

WHY'D THE KID HANG HIMSELF!?
SHAKE SHAKE
DON'T WORRY THAT'S HOW HE DEDUCTS,
AND HE WON'T DIE THAT WAY RELAX.
H-
HE WON'T DIE...?
HUH!?
BUT HE'S BEING HANGED
YOU'RE
...GOING TO DO SOMETHING STRANGE TOO, AREN'T YOU?

I SHOULD SAY THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO DO ANYTHING
NO,
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING
BECAUSE
...THE IDENTITY OF THE MURDERER HAS ALREADY BEEN WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK

SWAYING STOPS
YOU MAY HAVE GROWN UP IN AN ERA OF DETECTIVE CARTOONS...
PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOU, JUST LEAVE!
CAN I ASK YOU GUYS TO PLEASE STOP PLAYING DETECTIVE GAMES?
OPEN
I GOT IT!
BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GRADUATE FROM CARTOONS ...
?

THIS MYSTERY IS SOLVED!!
HALLELU-JAH!!

LAND
JUMP
LET ME TELL YOU
THE MURDERER IS...
JUST GIVE ME A BREAK...
SIGH
THE MURDERER IS OOTA KATSUSHI
HE'S ALREADY BEEN APPREHENDED! JEEZ!

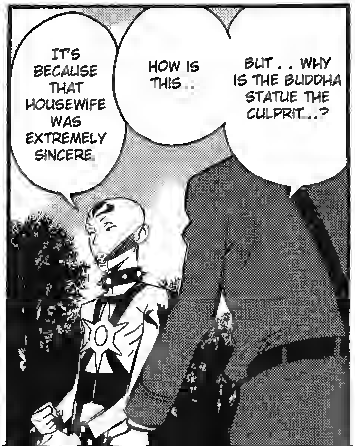
HE WAS A SCAPEGOAT!
YOU MEAN THAT HOUSING AGENT?
HUH?
SCAPE-GOAT...?
THAT'S RIGHT..
THE ONE WHO REALLY DID IT ALL IS THAT WOMAN OVER THERE..
...
IT WAS THIS HOUSE-WIFE...?
NEAR HERE...
...THERE SHOULD BE A SHRINE OR TEMPLE

HUH?
THIS IS THE TRUE CULPRIT.
UM, BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT THE MURDERER WAS THAT HOUSE-WIFE?
WE NEVER SAID THAT.
SHE WAS RESPON-SIBLE FOR CARRYING IT OUT... NO,
PROPERLY SPEAKING, SHE WAS A PUPPET.
WHY IS INARI THE CULPRIT?

THAT'S
...ACALA*
YOU'RE WRONG. THAT'S NOT INARI...
*"ACALA" OR ACALANATHA VIDYARAJA IS FUDOU MYOUOU IN JAPANESE AND CAN ALSO BE CALLED "FUDOU-SAN" WHICH HAS THE SAME PRONUNCIATION AS "HOUSING AGENT" (ALSO FUDOU-SAN)

ACALA...?
AH!

EVER SINCE SHE STARTED OCCUPYING THAT HOUSE, SHE WOULD COME HERE EVERYDAY TO PRAY
AND THEN, ONE DAY...


IT'S BECAUSE THAT HOUSEWIFE WAS EXTREMELY SINCERE
HOW IS THIS..
BUT.. WHY IS THE BUDDHA STATUE THE CULPRIT...?

SHE
...HEARD GOD'S ORDERS.
I...
...KILLED EVERYONE
OOTA-SAN...

PLEASE CONFIRM IT FOR ME.
SLIDE
H-HOW DID YOU...
HOW DID WE KNOW?
THAT'S SIMPLE.

BECAUSE...
...I ASKED THE BODY.
BEHIND THE ACALA
YOU'RE SPOUTING THAT NONSENSE AGAIN.
RUSTLE
SIGH
YOU GUYS ARE REALLY GIVING ME A HEADACHE.
HUH?
PLEASE GO THERE AND EXAMINE CAREFULLY.

CREAK
YOU HAVE TO KNOW, IT'S NOT LIKE THE POLICE HAVE NOTHING TO DO
IF I DON'T SEE ANYTHING AFTER I LOOK,
THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO QUIETLY .
HUH?
CREAK
...!!
CLATTER
CLATTER
IT BROKE.
AWWW.
RUSTLE
?

PLEASE LOOK AT IT CAREFULLY
THIS
IT'S A SMALL SPEAKER..
THAT'S RIGHT.
THIS IS...!
NO WAY...
THEN...!
..WAS REALLY ORDERS FROM GOD..?
SHE THOUGHT THE VOICE EMITTING FROM THE SPEAKER..

BUT THE PERSON WHOSE VOICE THIS IS...
KATSURAGI ATSUSHI.
(ANOTHER EDITOR FOR KODANSHA)
HE'S THE PREVIOUS HOME-OWNER WHO REQUESTED THAT FAMILY TO OCCUPY THIS HOUSE...
THEY FOUGHT TO A DEADLOCK TO DIVIDE THE MONEY FOR MOVING
KATSURAGI...
HOW...
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE...!
SINCE THE START, WE NEVER PUT HIM ON THE SUSPECTS LIST...!

MISS...
THAT BOOK YOU HAVE..
JUST WHAT...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
ALL THE CASES I WILL SOLVE IN THE FUTURE FROM HERE ON ARE ALL WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK.
PUT
I'LL REMEMBER YOU.
YOU OFFICERS ARE REALLY KEEN... YOUR NAME'S MANABE, RIGHT?
TH-
THEN WHAT KIND OF DEDUCTION IS THAT...
AREN'T YOU ...LOW DETECTIVES?

IT'S NOT DEDUCTION.
THINKS...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOUR METHOD OF DEDUCTION IS REALLY WEIRD
I AM HARKING HEAVEN'S REVELA-TIONS.
LOTS OF RUSTLING

AS LONG AS I CLEAR MY MIND,
THE HEAVENS WILL TELL ME WHO THE MURDERER IS.
AND US THREE DON'T NEED TO DO ANY DEDUC-TIONS...

BECAUSE FROM THE START,
WE ALREADY KNEW WHO THE MURDERER WAS.
IT CAN'T BE...
...YOU GUYS ARE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT THAN THE JDC...
...
THAT'S JUST WAY TOO BASELESS...
JDC?

MECHA ZURUKO
MANIYA YUTAKA
GARANDO ABBARE
STARTING NOW, IT'S THE ERA OF THE BDC!
志願偵探倶楽部 (BDC)
BOLUNTEER DETECTIVE CLUB
CONSISTS OF MUKOUDAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DETECTIVE CLUB SCHOOLMATES, A SELF-PROCLAIMED NGO (NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION)

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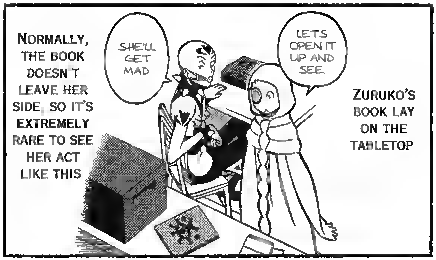
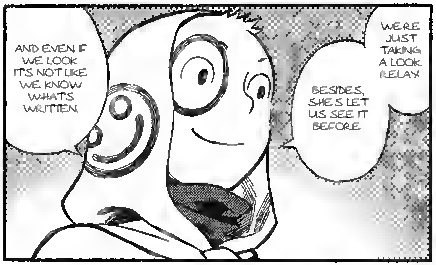
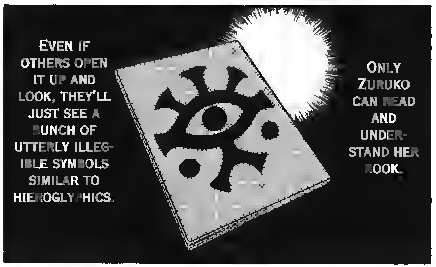
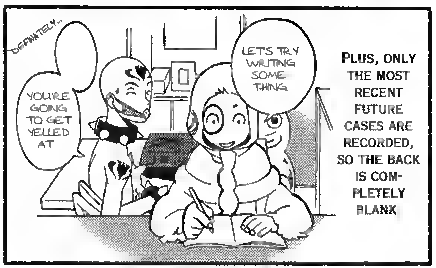

NORMALLY, THE BOOK DOESN'T LEAVE HER SIDE, SO IT'S EXTREMELY RARE TO SEE HER ACT LIKE THIS
SHE'LL GET MAD
LET'S OPEN IT UP AND SEE.
ZURUKO'S BOOK LAY ON THE TABLETOP


AND EVEN IF WE LOOK IT'S NOT LIKE WE KNOW WHAT'S WRITTEN.
BESIDES, SHE'S LET US SEE IT BEFORE.
WE'RE JUST TAKING A LOOK. RELAX.


EVEN IF OTHERS OPEN IT UP AND LOOK, THEY'LL JUST SEE A BUNCH OF UTTERLY ILLEGIBLE SYMBOLS SIMILAR TO HIEROGLYPHICS.
ONLY ZURUKO CAN READ AND UNDERSTAND HER BOOK.


DEPARTED...
YOU'LL BE GOING TO GET YELLED AT
LET'S TRY WRITING SOMETHING
PLUS, ONLY THE MOST RECENT FUTURE CASES ARE RECORDED, SO THE BACK IS COMPLETELY BLANK.

STATUS.2

FWOOSH
NEXT IS A SPECIAL ARTICLE ON THE MYSTERIOUS DETECTIVE ORGANIZATION JDC
JDC
A SPECIAL ARTICLE .
..ON THE JDC?

ARE THEY OUT YET?
JDC
Family Store
IT'S OUT! IT'S OUT!
NEW!
WOW!!
THERE ARE FIGURINES INSIDE!
OH!

HOW MANY YOU BUYING?
ALL OF 'EM'
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
YOU DON'T REALLY MEAN THAT...
-ME...
WELCO-
DON'T TELL ME...
THAT ADULTS CAN'T BUY THESE THINGS?

THE PSYCHIC DETECTIVE, TSUKUMO JYUUKU.[1]
NO.
THE WANDERER DETECTIVE, AMAGI HYOUMA.[2]
NOT HIM EITHER.
OH! OH!
OH! THIS IS GREAT! IT'S THE ELIMINATION DETECTIVE, MISS KIRIKA MAI![3]
chew
WHAT? JYUUKU AGAIN?
I GOT A REPEAT ...
RESCUE

GLUM
PYRAMID MIZUNO...
...AND IT COMES WITH A PYRAMID?
SCREE
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.
ADQUARTERS
SAGAYAMA-SAN!
THIS TIME IT'S THE BIRD'S-EYE DETECTIVE KIRIGIRISU TAROU...
DON'T PUT IN THESE OLD GEEZERS!
MANABE?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER? ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT THERE'S ALREADY AN OFFICER LIKE YOU IN CHARGE OF THIS AREA.
I'M BEGGING YOU, DON'T LEAVE THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!
YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE POLICE FORCE TOO, EVEN IF YOU DON'T ACT LIKE ONE!

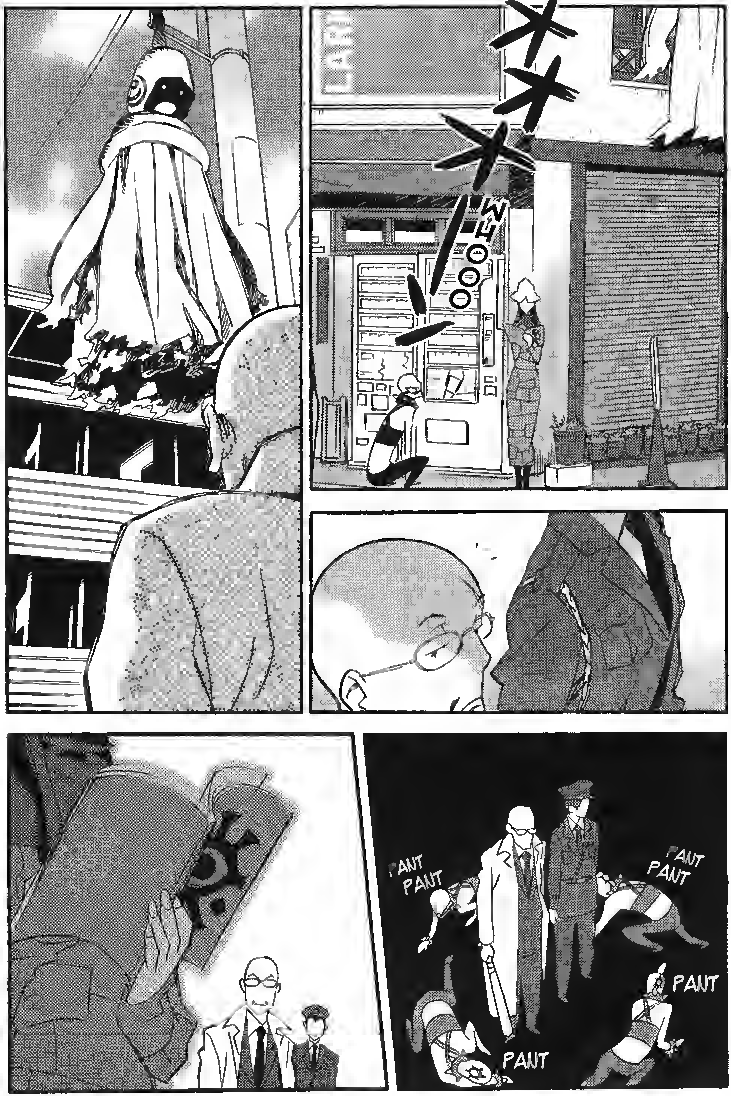
WHAT CAN WE DO? HUH?
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE ONLY A MEDIUM FOR COPYRIGHTING, SOMEONE WHO HELP THE JDC DISCUSS COPYRIGHTS!!
AS FOR THE INVESTIGATION, THE JDC CAN HANDLE THAT FOR SURE
AND NOW IT'S THESE FIGURINES THAT COME WITH FOOD!!
EDITING MANGA!!
EDITING ANIME!!
I SEE, I SEE...
HMM... MISS KIRIKA'S EYES SHOULD BE A BIT ROUNDER...
WHY MUST I NEGOTIATE BUSINESS WITH THE MODELER FROM KAIYODO?!

YOU MEAN THE CHAIRMAN, AJIRO SOUJI?
HIDDEN MODEL...?
NO.
MIND YOUR OWN BUSI-NESS! IT'S BECAUSE I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE HIDDEN MODEL!
IF YOU'RE IN A BAD MOOD ABOUT IT, THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST NOT BUY THOSE THINGS?
COMPLETELY WRONG!
YOU MEAN TSUKUMO NEMU! SHE'S QUITE POPULAR!
OH, I KNOW!
HOW CHILDISH ...
...THAT KAIYODO BASTARD ...
I EVEN VEHE-MENTLY REMINDED HIM...
The One in the Police Headquarters Responsible for the JDC Investi-gations,
Sasayama Tooru!!
THE HIDDEN MODEL IS...
ME!!
GOT AN OBJECTION?
HEY!

BUT I'VE HEARD THAT THE JDC ARE HAVING IT TOUGH ON THE BUSINESS LEVEL,
NOT TO MENTION THAT I'VE HEARD THEY'VE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO PRIVATIZE OR NOT...
EVEN THEIR INTERRELATED COPYRIGHTS ARE JUST A ROAD TO THE PRIVATIZATION.
GRIP
WHAT
...PRIVATIZATION?!
DETECTIVES WERE FROM THE START PRIVATE DETECTIVES!
DETECTIVES PART OF A HALF-FORMED BUSINESS LIKE THEY ARE NOW ARE THE WEIRD ONES!!
OH RIGHT,
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
IF IT'S NOTHING, THEN SHOO...
...WH-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SASAYAMA-SAN?!
WE'VE ALREADY UNCOVERED THE CULPRIT IN THE FAMILY MASSACRE CASES!
COME WITH ME TO ARREST HIM!

BDC?
YEAH, YEAH, BECAUSE CAPTURING CRIMINALS THE JDC POINT OUT IS THE POLICE'S JOB.
OH THE ONES WHO'VE CAUGHT THE MURDERER WEREN'T THE JDC THEY WERE ONES WHO CALL THEMSELVES THE BDC..
YOU MEAN THE BACILLUS CALMETTE-GUERIN?
THAT'S BCG
I WAS JOKING! HAHAHAHA!
WE'RE LEAVING!
A tuberculosis vaccine prepared using weakened live bovine tuberculosis bacilli
MANABE,
YOU CAN HAVE ALL THOSE JDC FIGURINES
BRRIIING
DON'T WANT THEM.
BRRIIING
WHY DON'T YOU GO TRADE IT IN AT A PAWN SHOP?
HELLO
HUH?
THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER MURDER?

AND YOU ALREADY KNOW WHO THE MURDERER IS?
YOU DON'T MEAN.
SASAYAMA-SAN! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SIDE TRIP FIRST!
WHAT?!
THERE'S BEEN A NEW CASE!
WHOOO
SLAM
IS THIS WHERE...
...THE CASE WAS REPORTED?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WHOOO
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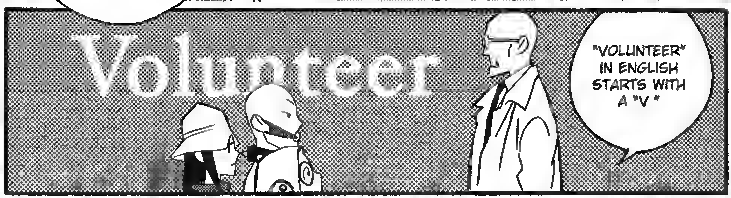
YOU TWO ARE THE MURDER-ERS,
AND THAT'S THE BODY, RIGHT?
CLICK
HOW RUDE
WE'RE THE ONES WHO CALLED
OH?
YOU WERE THE ONES WHO REPORTED?
WHAT A SLOW OLD MAN!

THIS, AFTER WE SPECIALLY WANTED TO TELL YOU WHO THE MURDERER IS AND ALL.
HEY!
THAT GUY'S STILL ALIVE!
THEY'RE THE BDC MEMBERS I MENTIONED JUST NOW
WE'RE THE BOLUNTEER DETECTIVE CLUB!!
"VOLUNTEER?"
THAT'S RIGHT!

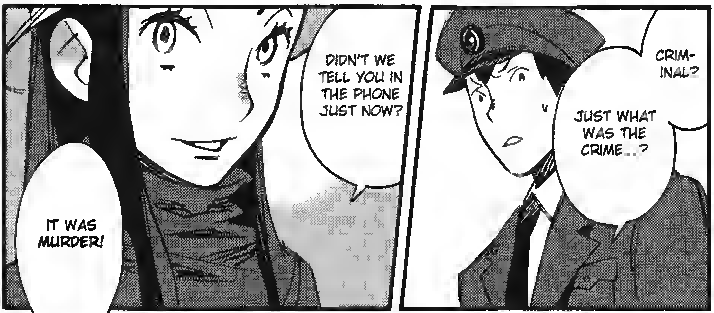
ABBREVIATED, WE'RE THE...
BDC!!

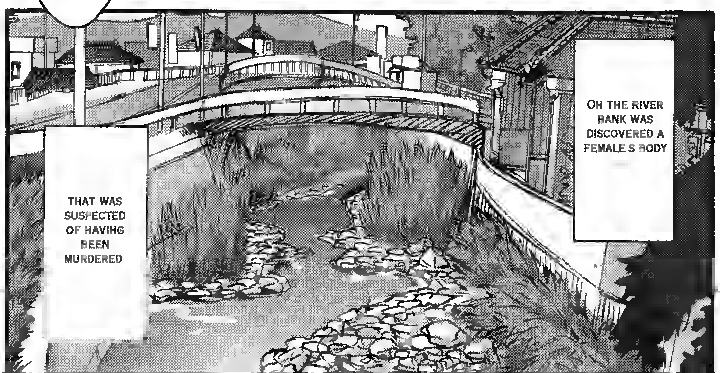

Volunteer
"VOLUNTEER" IN ENGLISH STARTS WITH A "V"

IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO GO, JUST LIKE THAT?

YOU GUYS ARE IDIOTS.
VP!?
IT'S NOT A "V."
LET'S GO, MINABE.

THE CRIMINAL LIVES JUST INSIDE THIS HOUSE...


DIDN'T WE TELL YOU IN THE PHONE JUST NOW?
IT WAS MURDER!
CRIM-INAL?
JUST WHAT WAS THE CRIME...?


OH THE RIVER BANK WAS DISCOVERED A FEMALE S RODY
THAT WAS SUSPECTED OF HAVING BEEN MURDERED

HER AGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE TWENTY...
...AND HER TIME OF DEATH WAS 8 PM THREE DAYS AGO
THE VICTIM'S NAME IS ENOMOTO IKUKO,
A RESIDENT OF THE CHIYODA WARD IN TOKYO.
DON'T TELL ME YOU ASKED HER PERSONALLY, DID YOU?
AS LONG AS HE KISSES THE CORPSE HE CAN OBTAIN THE MEMORIES OF THE DEAD WHEN HE OR SHE WAS STILL ALIVE
THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL THE JUDGMENT KISS
AS THEY SAY OK?

WAIT A MINUTE... ENOMOTO IKUKO
SASAYAMA-SAN... I REMEMBER ENOMOTO IKUKO
WASN'T SHE KIDNAPPED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, I HEARD..?
THAT'S THE MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENT WHO DISAP-PEARED TEN YEARS AGO!
THAT'S RIGHT.
THIS IS THAT ENOMOTO IKUKO!

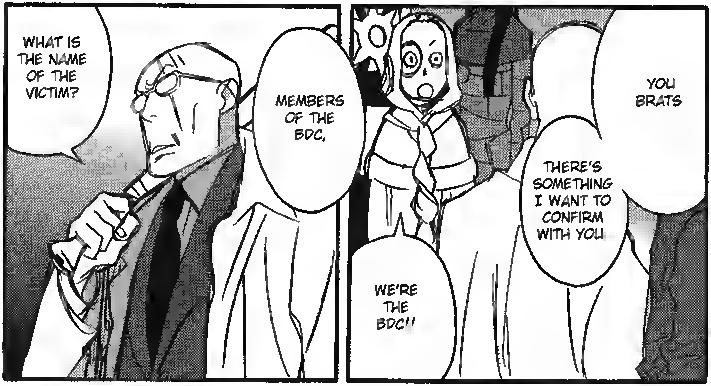
DON'T TELL ME THIS HOUSE IS THE RESIDENCE OF SOME COUNTRY'S SPY...?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT?
THE INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED AT WORK MAY NOT BE ALL CORRECT
THIS IS STUPID... JUST SOME KIDS' PRANK.
LET'S GO!

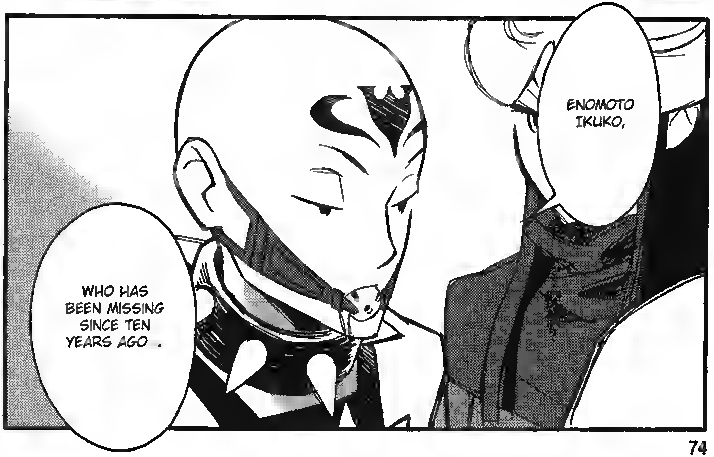
AS FOR TELLING WHICH IS CORRECT AND WHICH IS WRONG,
WHY DON'T YOU SEE FOR YOURSELF, WITH YOUR OWN TWO EYES?
HMPH,
OBNOXIOUS LITTLE BRATS!
SLAM
...?!

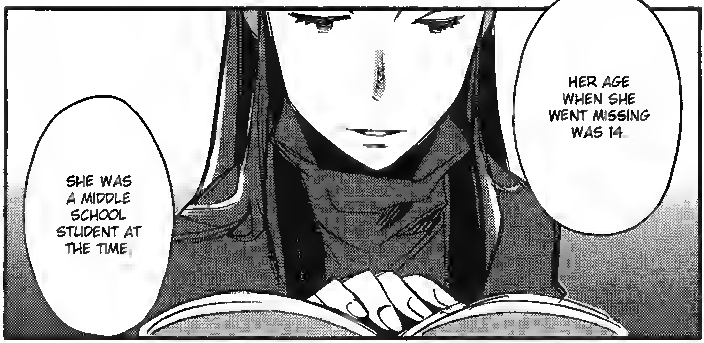
TURN
WHAT'S WRONG?
...
SASAYAMA-SAN?!
SLAM

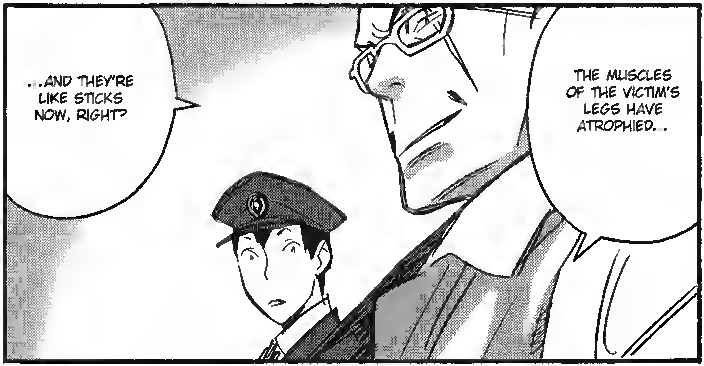
HUH?
THE WINDOWS ARE OBSCURED...
WITH BLACK PAPER...
OH?
YOU'RE RIGHT
IF IT REALLY WAS THE SPY FOR SOME COUNTRY,
THERE SHOULD BE SOME SORT OF RARE WIRELESS APPLIANCE INSTALLED,
BUT NO SUCH THING CAN BE SEEN HERE...

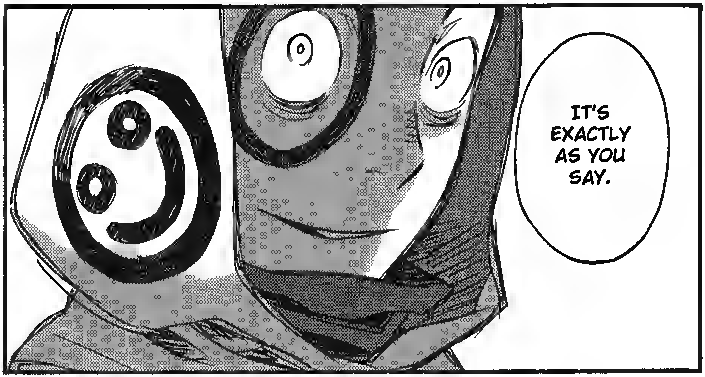
I SEE. I GET IT.


WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE VICTIM?
MEMBERS OF THE BDC,
YOU BRATS
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO CONFIRM WITH YOU.
WE'RE THE BDC!!

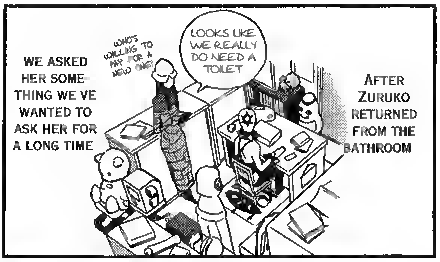

ENOMOTO IKUKO,
WHO HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE TEN YEARS AGO .

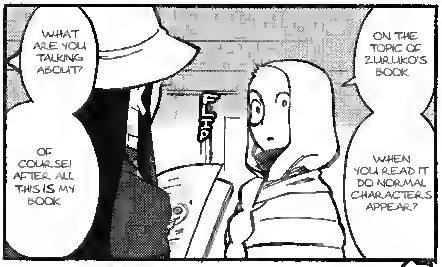

HER AGE WHEN SHE WENT MISSING WAS 14.
SHE WAS A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT AT THE TIME.

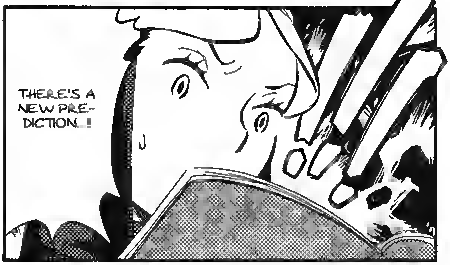

THE MUSCLES OF THE VICTIM'S LEGS HAVE ATROPHIED..
...AND THEY'RE LIKE STICKS NOW, RIGHT?

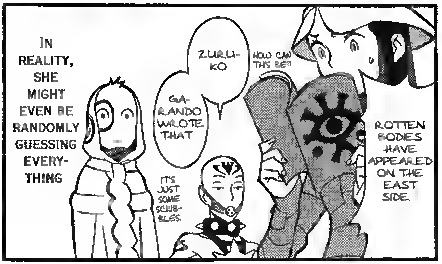

IT'S EXACTLY AS YOU SAY.

STATUS.2/END


WE ASKED HER SOMETHING WE'VE WANTED TO ASK HER FOR A LONG TIME
WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR A HOTEL TOO?
LOOKS LIKE WE REALLY DO NEED A TOILET
AFTER ZURUKO RETURNED FROM THE BATHROOM


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
ON THE TOPIC OF ZURUKO'S BOOK
OF COURSE! AFTER ALL THIS IS MY BOOK
WHEN YOU READ IT DO NORMAL CHARACTERS APPEAR?


THERE'S A NEW PREDICTION..!


IN REALITY, SHE MIGHT EVEN BE RANDOMLY GUESSING EVERYTHING
ZURUKO
HOW CAN THIS BE?!
GARANDO WROTE THAT
IT'S JUST SOME SCRIBBLES.
ROTTEN BODIES HAVE APPEARED ON THE EAST SIDE.